

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## DAVID: The Making of a King

Week 4: Taking the High Road

1 Samuel 18:5-30

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Have you ever struggled with comparison? What can you do when a jealous rival seeks to tear you down? This week we're learning from a young David, as a military leader, on taking the high road.

### Kicking it off:

If you could only pick one, would you pick dogs or cats to live with you? Bonus question: have you ever had a "crazy" pet?

### Discussion:

1. When you hear Jeff use the word "comparison" ... which aspect of your life deals with this the most lately? (i.e., Job, wealth, kids, looks, sports teams, homes, friendships, or something else?)
2. Read 1 Samuel 18:5 and 18:14. What do we see about David's life that led to his success? How did Saul respond?

*"Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well." (NIV)*

*"In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him." (NIV)*

3. Have you ever been in a situation where, like David, someone seemed to be jealous of your success? If so, how did that situation play out? Share it with the group.
4. Jeff described two possible scenarios where comparison comes into play — with the spear and Saul (maddening jealousy) and with the sword and Jonathan (gifts of friendship). What can we learn from Jonathan's strong example?
5. Think about that area of your life where you tend to compare yourself (see Q. #1). How can you rejoice in celebrating someone else's success? What does it mean for God to give grace so we can appreciate the beauty in our own story?
6. Read Romans 12:15. How might you practically do this in the coming week?

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (RSV)*

### Wrapping It Up:

God is crafting a unique story for each of us. Pray that every member of your group would learn to celebrate different strengths and embrace the story that God is writing for your life.